

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 24, and ending on page 4, line 7, with the following:

--For example, Raineri et al. took the blastodisk of rice, scarred it, and placed it on a medium which induces ~~regeneration~~ dedifferentiation; a few days later, the blastodisk portion was infected with an Agrobacterium. As a result, although normally ~~dedifferentiated~~ regenerated plant bodies were not obtained, calluses having a foreign gene introduced therein were successfully induced (see Raineri, D.M. et al., Bio/Technology, 8:33-38, 1990). --

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the above amendments, the present application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due in the filing of this Amendment. Examiner is authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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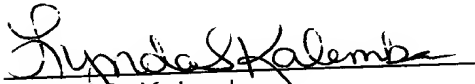
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